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Dear Commissioner,

FLATEL has found itself experiencing the affects of the economy and as a result, we have suffered the loss of many customers. We are only left with approximately 800 customers in the state of South Carolina. Based on the 2007 guidelines for collecting USF, we are paying nearly \$6.00 per customer for the South Carolina USF and need relief from this estimated amount. It is very difficult to operate profitable enough to pay our employees at this rate.

This is a petition to the South Carolina Commission to reevaluate its guidelines for collecting USF based on past sales. We are not financially situated to pay based on past year's sales because we only have a fraction of those customers. The high cost of doing business in South Carolina can not be passed on to the customer; therefore I am requesting the Commissions assistance to work with us regarding this matter.

Regards,
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